Basics of a good Ceremony

- ✓ One that makes a soldier feel honored and appreciated
- ✓ Give him/her a ceremony worthy of their commitment
- ✓ Plan, Delegate, and Execute

1. Notify Key Participants:

- √The Reenlistment Coordinator (RNCO) is responsible coordinating and notifying the soldier, certifying officer, and unit leadership where, when, and how the ceremony will take place. The BNCC will assist the RNCO as needed.
- **✓ Cross-communication** is critical for success.

2. Set a Date, Time and Place:

- ✓ Set the date and time first according to the soldier's convenience and certifying officer's availability. Then by the unit leadership availability.
- ✓ Location should be selected which will reflect the honor of the ceremony and satisfy the soldier's personal preference.

3. Assign a POC who:

✓ Secures the location with a flag, any needed seating, and any other materials, props, or furnishings as may be requested by the soldier.

4. Prepare

- ✓ In preparation, remember to communicate exactly what will be happening during the ceremony.
- ✓ Share the script, if there is one, with the key participants.
- ✓ Have all necessary paperwork (DA Form 4836/ DD Form 4, Oath of Extension in Words, Annex if applicable) in the room ready to be signed by all parties.

NATIONAL GUARD

Extension / Reenlistment Ceremony PLANNING AND EXECUTION GUIDE



AGENDA & PROGRAM LEADER CHECKLIST

EVENT COORDINATOR and Phone Number					
EVENT DATE TIME					
UNIT					
CEREMONY LOCATION (i.e. Armory)	_				
CITY/STATE					

TASK	TEAM MEMBER	PHONE NUMBER	STATUS	DUE DATE(S)
Verify date and time with venue leader				
Verify/approve guest list				
Develop and print program schedule				
Distribute with team				
Verify with venue leader for flags, oaths, etc.				
Rehearsal				
Have script and Oath of Reenlistment ready for official party				



The Ceremony

- ✓ May be as simple as positioning the soldier and certifying officer in front of the National Colors and conducting the oath to extend or reenlist.
- ✓ Or as extravagant as the soldier's imagination and unit resources.
- ✓ This includes personnel availability, equipment availability, and time restraints.
- ✓ The number of soldiers extending or reenlisting also will be a significant factor.

Recognition

✓ Announce the extension/reenlistment on bulletin boards, drill letters...

✓ Post pictures in the unit (on bulletin boards and drill letters)

✓ Send copies to spouses and/or employers

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